Walla Mohamedali

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL

Ann Arbor, MI

Juris Doctor

Expected May 2024

Honors: Dean's Scholarship

Activities: Associate Editor, Michigan Technology Law Review

Executive Board, Muslim Law Students Association Executive Board, Privacy and Technology Law Association

Peer Tutor, Contracts

University of Houston

Houston, TX

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Minor in Psychology, summa cum laude

August 2018 - May 2021

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa Honors College

Dean's Distinguished Scholars List 6/6 semesters

Activities: Volunteer, PEEPS Food Pantry

Research Assistant, "Presidential Policymaking in the First 100 Days"

Pi Mu Epsilon, National Mathematics Honor Society

EXPERIENCE

KIRKLAND & ELLIS (NEW YORK)

Summer Associate

May 2023 – July 2023

THE HON. JOAN AZRACK, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Intern

February 2023 – April 2023

 Drafted reconsideration order re: the validity of an arbitration agreement following the enactment of the Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act

LEXISNEXIS

Lexis Associate

August 2022 – Present

- Work closely with students and faculty in the use of LexisNexis' legal research tools
- Conduct trainings, table events, and office hours for students

AHMAD, ZAVITSANOS & MENSING

Summer Associate

May 2022 - July 2022

- Drafted complaint in breach of contract case in federal court
- · Presented at mediation conference joint session in wrongful death action
- Drafted section of post-hearing brief on limitation of liability clause
- · Drafted memorandum to client on indemnification
- Drafted expedited discovery requests and business record affidavits in conversion case
- · Conducted legal research on numerous procedural and substantive topics

BODY TOGS, LLC

Accounts Manager

May 2021 – August 2021

· Developed business strategy through analysis of sales patterns and identification of trends in data

Data Specialist

June 2019 – May 2021

· Established excellent customer service through timely execution of order preparation and invoicing

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Learning Services Specialist

January 2020 – March 2020

· Coached student-athletes to improve time management and maintain focus, as well as tutoring as needed

Peer Assistant

May 2019 – March 2020

Tutored student-athletes in math courses to ensure compliance with NCAA regulations; ensured students successfully
enroll in first classes

ADDITIONAL

Interests: Premier League soccer, NBA basketball, "Succession"

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW 625 South State Street Ann Arbor, MI 48109

NICHOLAS BAGLEY Professor of Law

June 15, 2023

The Honorable Juan Sanchez James A. Byrne United States Courthouse 601 Market Street, Room 14613 Philadelphia, PA 19106-1729

Dear Judge Sanchez:

I'm writing to recommend Walla Mohamedali for a clerkship. Walla is an excellent law student and will make an outstanding clerk.

Walla was a student of mine in Civil Procedure, where he stood out for his low-key demeanor and willingness to bat around ideas when I cold-called him. I could tell he was sharp, and I wasn't disappointed when I reviewed his exam. He earned an A- in a sharply curved, 80-person class, and his answer to the first question in particular was excellent—the highest in the class.

That question probed the students' understanding of the overlap between specific and general jurisdiction, and pushed them to consider a case of a company that sold some of its products in California but not the product that caused the injury in question. Had the company purposefully availed itself of the state, even though an independent third party had brought the injury-causing product into the state? The defendant "will argue," Walla wrote, that

there must be an affiliation between the forum and the underlying controversy, principally, activity or an occurrence that takes place in the forum State." Bristol-Myers. They will contend that McFly here is akin to the non-California residents in Bristol-Myers who weren't prescribed and didn't buy Plavix in California.

But Walla was unconvinced. "Even though the didn't purchase the in California, the accident did occur there, and the state is a big market for [the defendant]. This isn't like World-Wide Volkswagen—[the defendant did] purposefully avail themselves of the California market." That's some high-quality argument-by-analogy on a time, four-hour exam. And I can share that very, very few of Walla's classmates were up to the task.

Walla graduated from the University of Houston summa cum laude with a degree in math. Anyone who gets a degree in math is presumptively brilliant in my book, and Walla has done nothing to disabuse me of my presumption. He's also a great guy—thoughtful, engaged, and completely down to earth.

I encourage you to give Walla's application a close look. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Nicholas Bagley

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL

625 South State Street Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109

June 06, 2023

The Honorable Juan Sanchez James A. Byrne United States Courthouse 601 Market Street, Room 14613 Philadelphia, PA 19106-1729

Dear Judge Sanchez:

I am writing to recommend Walla Mohamedali for a clerkship in your chambers. Walla is an analytical thinker, an excellent writer, and a diligent worker, and would make an outstanding law clerk.

I first got to know Walla when he was a student in my first year Criminal Law class. In that class of approximately 80 students, Walla stood out as someone who was deeply engaged in the course material and eager to discuss issues of law and policy. I later had the pleasure of having Walla in my Advanced Criminal Procedure course, and once again, he consistently made meaningful contributions in class. Walla is a sharp analyst of legal issues and an excellent writer, as reflected in his success in my classes and other courses.

Walla's prior experiences signal a likelihood of success as a law clerk. During college, he studied math and psychology, a background that no doubt contributes to his ability to analyze problems in a methodical and disciplined way. He also served as a tutor for other students, which requires breaking down large problems into smaller, solvable components, a skill that translates well to explaining legal issues in bench memos or draft opinions. As a law student, Walla interned for a federal district judge in the Eastern District of New York, an opportunity that gave him insight into the work of a court and inspired him to serve as a law clerk. During his summers in law school, Walla has worked in law firms, which has given him visibility into litigation matters that come before courts. All of these experiences position Walla to excel as a law clerk.

I previously served as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. In that role, I had the opportunity to hire more than 60 lawyers, and Walla has the kinds of qualities that I would look for in a new hire—a strong intellect, an ability to work with others respectfully, and effective communication skills. Walla possesses all of these qualities in abundance, which will make him a tremendous resource as a law clerk.

I know from my own experience as a law clerk that a judge's chambers can be like a family, so it is important to bring in clerks who will get along with others, respect confidences, and perform every task with enthusiasm and excellence. I think Walla is very well suited to succeed in this environment. He will be an able assistant to any judge who hires him as a clerk. He has the intellectual capacity to tackle and solve challenging legal problems, he can express his ideas effectively in writing, and he will be a wonderful colleague.

For all of these reasons, I enthusiastically recommend Walla Mohamedali for a clerkship in your chambers. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. McQuade



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Your Honor:

I understand that Walla Mohamedali is applying to you for a clerkship for 2024-2025. I know him well and think very highly of him, and I am delighted to recommend him for your chambers.

Walla was part of our summer associate class at Ahmad, Zavitsanos & Mensing, or AZA, last summer, following his 1L year. At AZA, when hiring summer associates, we look not just for students' academic credentials in law school and as undergraduates, but also for evidence that they are go-getters and can overcome adversity. As a then-20-year-old first-year student excelling at Michigan Law, Walla was a perfect example of the type of student we were looking for.

Speaking from both experience working directly with him on cases and from speaking with my colleagues, Walla was a fantastic summer associate last summer and we are delighted to be bringing him back this August. As a summer associate, he always turned in research that was thorough and timely, and clearly thought through issues before returning work product. But where he truly shined was in his willingness and ability to handle substantive oral and writing projects. Walla was tasked early in the summer with putting together a presentation for a mediation conference in a multi-million-dollar dispute and delivering part of the presentation in front of the client and opposing counsel. The case settled favorable shortly thereafter.

Walla also handled large, substantive writing assignments extremely well. In relation to an employment dispute in Delaware, Walla wrote a judgment on the pleadings that was filed virtually unchanged. He laid out the facts simply and concisely and explained the law thoroughly and persuasively.

Walla took on his biggest project last summer when I asked him to draft the complaint in a unique corporate governance dispute on behalf of Ben & Jerry's. The case moved on an extremely expedited timeline and Walla did a great job of turning the complaint around within 48 hours to be filed in conjunction with a temporary restraining order. Walla accomplished this while juggling calls with Ben & Jerry's Board of Directors and speaking one-on-one with clients to ensure that he painted a comprehensive picture in the complaint. His complaint was so powerful that a member of Ben & Jerry's Board remarked that she teared up while reading it because it conveyed the board's perspective and story so well. Walla managed this hectic period and traveled across town to collect necessary documents (despite not having a car) over the July 4th weekend. Walla's dedication is truly unmatched.

Walla is a strong and careful thinker, a clear writer, and, most of all, a genuine person. He has been an exceptional summer associate at AZA, and I am fully confident that he will be an excellent lawyer. His attitude and the quality of his work make me fully confident that he will be an excellent law clerk, too. I am pleased to give him my highest recommendation.

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss Walla further, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Shahmeer Halepota

Applicant Details

First Name Joseph

Middle Initial L Last Name **Mollica** Citizenship Status U. S. Citizen

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City

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Zip 20008 Country **United States**

Contact Phone

Number

5615125767

Applicant Education

BA/BS From **Rollins College** Date of BA/BS May 2020

JD/LLB From American University, Washington College of

Law

http://www.nalplawschoolsonline.org/

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Date of JD/LLB May 18, 2024

50% Class Rank Law Review/ Yes Journal

Journal(s) **American University International Law Review**

Moot Court No Experience

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial

Internships/ No

Externships

Post-graduate

Judicial Law No

Clerk

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

Palaz, Belgin belginspalaz@gmail.com Reyer, James jim@reyerlaw.com

This applicant has certified that all data entered in this profile and any application documents are true and correct.

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June 4, 2023

Judge Juan R. Sánchez United States District Court, Eastern District Court of Pennsylvania

Judge Sánchez's Chambers,

I am a rising 3L at the American University Washington College of Law and am interested in the judicial clerkship position with Judge Sanchez at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for the 2024-2025 term. With my legal experience and demonstrable legal writing skills, I would be a strong fit for this judicial clerkship position with Judge Sánchez. I am interested in this clerkship position because of the unique cases this Court hears as well as the invaluable writing and research experience I would gain.

The experience I gained as a legal assistant at a real estate law firm is certainly applicable to working as a summer intern for Judge Sánchez. While working as a legal assistant, the most notable task I undertook was the drafting and reviewing of legal documents, such as Estoppel and client information letters. This task was my first introduction to the world of legal writing, and I was at once intrigued. As an intern with the State's Attorney Office in Prince George's County last summer, I was able to build on my interest in legal writing by preparing a legal memorandum addressing constitutional preemption concerns surrounding the county's Back on Track Program. Drafting these documents allowed me to learn and effectively employ some basic strategies for creating a legal document, such as professional formatting, formal diction, objectivity, and courteousness.

Furthermore, the basic skills I learned as a legal assistant took on a new meaning during Legal Rhetoric. Having always been interested in the written word, Legal Rhetoric further allowed me to completely dive into legal writing. In this course, I was able to write two objective legal memoranda as well as an appellate brief. While writing these memoranda, I developed my objective legal writing to argue effectively and impartially for legal and substantive positions. While writing the appellate brief, I was introduced to persuasive legal writing and quickly learned how to credibly advocate for a legal position in a professional manner. Additionally, I am a Junior Staffer on the International Law Review, which has allowed me to develop my research, citation, and writing skills, as is shown by the Comment I wrote on the implication of conspiracy-based personal jurisdiction in international legal disputes. These writing skills will prove indispensable as a potential judicial clerk for your chambers.

Given the experience I acquired working in the legal field and the skills I have developed during law school thus far, I am a worthy candidate for this position. I am including my resume, an up-to-date law school transcript, a writing sample, and two letters of recommendation with my application. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Joseph Mollica

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EDUCATION

American University Washington College of Law, Washington D.C.

May 2024

Juris Doctor Candidate

GPA: 3.44

Rollins College, Winter Park, FL

May 2020

Bachelor of Arts in Economics | Minor: Political Science

Honors: President's List | Dean's List

Activities: Pi Sigma Alpha | Rollins Honor Law Society

Study Abroad: American University of Rome, Rome, Italy (Fall 2018)

EXPERIENCE

American University International Law Review

Articles Editor, Volume 39

March 2023 - Present

• Completing above-the-line and below-the-line reviews of articles selected for publication by the journal.

Junior Staffer, Volume 38

April 2022 - March 2023

- Completed production assignments, source collection, and Bluebook citation editing.
- Wrote a Comment on conspiracy-based personal jurisdiction and its implications in international legal disputes.

Office of State's Attorney, Prince George's County, Maryland

July 2022 – August 2022

Legal Intern

- Conducted trial preparation, mainly by listening to jail calls.
- Conducted legal research and wrote a memorandum concerning the constitutionality of the county's Back on Track Program.

Reyer Law Group, P.A., Boca Raton, FL

October 2020 - May 2021

Real Estate Legal Assistant

- Drafted and reviewed legal documents, such as Estoppel letters and client information letters.
- Created and maintained closing files in DoubleTime.
- Communicated with clients to obtain confidential information required for closings.
- Coordinated with real estate agents and attorneys to acquire commission percentages, closing dates, and contact information.
- Filed post-closing documents for recording in the Palm Beach County records.

Royal Life Centers, Palm Springs, FL

May 2019 - June 2019

Administrative Assistant to the Executive Office Manager

• Completed financial tasks for the Executive Office Manager, mainly monitoring credit charges.

VOLUNTEER WORK

The Phoenix at Delray

October 2015 - April 2016

 Engaged nursing home residents in artistic activities such as painting and drawing to stimulate cognitive functions and enhance social well-being.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Languages: Spanish (fluent), Italian (conversational)

Interests: Cooking and reading fiction novels as well as autobiographies

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Joseph L Mollica



LEGAL RHETORIC PROGRAM

June 8, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

Joseph Mollica has asked me to write a letter of recommendation on his behalf and I am delighted to do so. In all of my interactions with Joe I have found him to be intelligent, enthusiastic, considerate, and hardworking. Overall, he is an accomplished and passionate student whose application I hope you will strongly consider.

I first met Joe in the fall of 2021 as a student in my year-long Legal Rhetoric course. Over the first few weeks of the course, Joe set himself apart from his peers through thoughtful questions, diligent attendance at office hours, and exponential improvement of his written drafts. By the end of the course, it was clear that his organization and legal reasoning placed him in the top tier of our class.

Often, I see first-year students entering law school struggle to adjust their studying and writing practices to a law school environment. Although I initially noticed this with Joe, it was also very clear that he was putting in the time, energy, and effort to improve. Indeed, he progressed quickly, incorporated suggestions, and accepted constructive feedback with good humor. In particular, his meticulous Bluebook citations demonstrated a keen attention to detail, which I understand has served him well as he has accepted a position on his Law Review's editorial board.

Joe's in-class presence and participation during office hours have also demonstrated that he is an effective communicator with a unique ability to address nuanced concepts in a thoughtful and measured manner. He is exceedingly polite and professional towards all his classmates but was also unafraid to request clarification or challenge the premise of an assumption. Through spring semester group work, Joe also demonstrated that he was able to work effectively in partnered assignments even when his partner had a challenging personality and less intense work ethic.

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In addition to working with Joe in a classroom setting, I also served as the faculty advisor for his comment on conspiracy-based personal jurisdiction in relation to international legal disputes. This exemplified Joe's strong research and writing skills while demonstrating that even though advice from a faculty advisor could provide assistance, Joe is independently capable of complex research projects. He always met our deadlines and raised thought-provoking issues during our discussions of his work.

Joe's research skills, work ethic, and intelligence are matched by an engaging and good-humored personality. While a student in my course I had the pleasure of observing Joe's progress which he has clearly continued during his second year of law school. Accordingly, I'm certain that Joe's future in the legal profession is bright.

I hope that you will strongly consider Joe as a law clerk in your chambers. He will be a positive reflection of any Judge or Magistrate that may offer him a position. Should you have any questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me directly. I welcome the opportunity to expand on the ways in which Joseph Mollica is an exceptional student.

Best,

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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Applicant - Joseph Mollica

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is James Reyer, an attorney licensed in the States of New York and Florida, with offices located in Boca Raton, Florida. I have been engaged in the practice of law for 42 years. It is with great pleasure that I offer my personal recommendation for an applicant for judicial clerkship, Mr. Joseph Mollica.

I have personally known Mr. Mollica since he was ten years old. In his younger days he professed a great interest in the law and our political system always stating that when he grew up he wanted to be an attorney. Watching Mr. Mollica growing up over the years, I was always impressed with his moral character, his personal integrity and his deep sense of personal honor.

I was very pleased to learn that as an adult Mr. Mollica had chosen the field of law as his vocation and had enrolled in law school. In a field that has come under harsh scrutiny for a perceived lack of ethics, I feel strongly that Mr. Mollica would be both a credit to the profession of law and a fierce advocate of all that is right in the legal profession.

In a day and age where many young men look at a license to practice law as an easy ticket to fame and fortune, Mr. Mollica has demonstrated at a young age that the law and its practitioners can channel their energy in positive directions for the betterment of society. Mr. Mollica was employed by our office as an intern. During his time here, he was engaged in tasks related to all aspects of the law in which our office practices. These were the type of tasks that were beyond the capabilities of newly admitted or recently admitted attorneys. This work experience alone gives Mr. Mollica a great edge in both law school and the competitive legal field. Young attorneys first are trained in the law and the legal thought process and only after obtaining proficiency in these skills, the education of learning to be a lawyer truly begins. Mr. Mollica through his work experience and personal experience is well on the road to mastering the necessary skills of a lawyer. Many of us leave law school with a diploma without a clue as to the real world and real challenges which face practitioners in the legal field. Mr. Mollica through his work experience has already surpassed a typical student who has already graduated law school.

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In addition to Mr. Mollica's extensive work experience, Mr. Mollica has also expended a great amount of time in his pre-law school legal studies, both through courses taken in college and in personal readings pertaining to the history and philosophy of the law. His varied scholastic background is quite apparent by a review of his resume and needs no further discussion here.

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to point out Mr. Mollica's non-scholastic achievements. Mr. Mollica understands that as citizens we all have a duty in society to work towards the betterment of our fellow citizens. Too often legal practitioners have strayed from our core value which is to serve the law for the improvement and enhancement of society and the lives of those around us. Mr. Mollica has demonstrated a commitment to society through his extensive community service. As I stated previously, some in the legal field believe that a law license is a ticket to fame and fortune, but others still believe that it is a higher calling for the enhancement of the quality of lives of those around us. Although Mr. Mollica has not yet graduated law school, he has certainly demonstrated those attributes which show that he believes in the traditional value and place of law in our society.

In conclusion, I would to stress that Mr. Mollica is a hard working, diligent and thoughtful young man who would be an outstanding addition to the judicial clerkship program. It is my hope that you recognize the potential contributions this young man will be able to add to both the judicial clerkship program and the legal field.

If your office would like any further information in this matter, I would be glad to provide same.

Very truly yours,

James N. Reyer

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